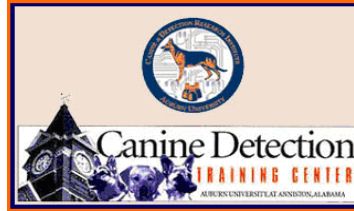


ABOUT AUBURN

Auburn University's Canine Detection Research Institute (CDRI) is uniquely qualified to conduct state-of-the-art research and training. Established in 1989, CDRI has over 20 years of directed research activities encompassing canine detection and the process of canine olfaction. The Auburn University program is the largest dedicated canine detection research program in the United States and its associated Canine Detection Training Center (CDTC) is one of the largest canine detection training programs outside of the federal government. Also CDRI & CDTC are the only programs affiliated with a Veterinary Sports Medicine Program (the only one of its kind) and a College of Veterinary Medicine. The CDRI & CDTC are organizational components of the Animal Health and Performance Program at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Resource: Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine's website on 23 September 2010

<http://www.vetmed.auburn.edu/cdri/about-the-program>



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Development Program

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PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

CVVAMC's Detection Canine Development Program (DCDP) was started in 2010 as a result of one Veteran's dream to bring animals and Homeless Veterans together in a positive environment.

This Veteran, with the help of CVVAMC staff, and Auburn University built this program from the ground up.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The DCDP is a work program that pairs Homeless Veteran with puppies bound for detector training school at Auburn University's Canine Detection Research Institute.

Veterans selected as Handlers will be assigned a puppy 12 weeks of age and will hand raise, train, and socialize the animal until about 8 months of age. Veterans selected as Sitters will be on hand as assistants.

PROGRAM GOALS

Our vision is a DCDP that allows homeless Veterans to continue to serve their country by training dogs that will go on to work in a variety of Federal and private organizations in ordinance detection, foreign and domestic, therefore contributing in a positive way to protect U.S. citizens from terrorism.

The mission of the CVVAMC DCDP is to make a positive difference in the lives of homeless Veterans. We hope to accomplish this through a professionally-supported, one-to-one relationship with a dog. We also want to assist them in achieving their highest potential as they grow to become confident, competent, responsible, and caring citizens, by providing committed leadership, standards of excellence, and an honorable goal of continuing to provide service to their country.

The Detector Canine Development Program promotes community interaction, service to others, and relationship development.

OUR BELIEF

We firmly believe in the inherent therapeutic value that working with animals brings and see this as an important benefit to our Veterans, community, and country.



Four-legged graduates of Auburn's Canine Detection Training Center -- one of the nation's leaders at training bomb-sniffing dogs -- will be patrolling at this year's NBA All Star game and at the 2011 Super Bowl.